GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services- Endowment Department - Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri V.Trinadha Rao, formerly Assistant Commissioner, Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru, WG District presently working Regional Joint Commissioner & Executive Officer, Annavaram Devastanam - Allegations of misuse of donations collected towards Trisaptha Brahmotsavams – Under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules – 1991- Articles of Charge – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.122 **Dated:05.03.2021**.

Reading the following:-

1.From the DG (V&E) Report No.91, (C.No.1945/V&E/Dev-I)/D3/2007), dt.22-05- 2014.
2.Govt. Memo No.25153/Vig.IV(1)/14, Rev (Vig.IV) Dept., dt. 22.05.2017.
3.From the CED Letter No.V2/28956/2014, dated: 10.05.2019.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri V.Trinadha Rao, formerly Assistant Commissioner, Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru, WG District presently working Regional Joint Commissioner & Executive Officer, Annavaram Devastanam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The Substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct, misbehaviour & gross dereliction of duty in support of the articles of charge is also enclosed in Annexure-II. A list of witnesses and list of documents, in which the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III & IV).

3. Sri V.Trinadha Rao, formerly Assistant Commissioner, in Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru, WG District, presently working Regional Joint Commissioner & Executive Officer, Annavaram Devastanam is directed to submit a written statement of defence if any within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri V.Trinadha Rao, formerly Assistant Commissioner, in Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru, WG Dist, presently working Regional Joint Commissioner & Executive Officer, Annavaram Devastanam is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V.Trinadha Rao, formerly Assistant Commissioner, in Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru, WG Dist, presently working Regional Joint Commissioner & Executive Officer, Annavaram Devastanam is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of Defence on or before the date specified in the para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri V.Trinadha Rao, formerly Assistant Commissioner, in Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru, WG Dist, presently working Regional Joint Commissioner & Executive Officer, Annavaram Devastanam is invited to Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which

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no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. VANI MOHAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.Trinadha Rao, formerly Assistant Commissioner, in Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru, WG Dist, presently working RJC & E.O., Annavaram, through the Special Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Special Commissioner, Endowment Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada with a request to serve original G.O on the Charged Officer with dated signature and return the same for record.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The General Administration (V&E) Department.
The Rev(Endt.I) Dept.,
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. TRINADHA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT, ELURU.

Article-I

That Sri V.Trinadha Rao, while working as Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Eluru has failed to inspect accounts of the collection of donations and their spending in the Temple of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru

Article-II

That he has shown his negligence in discharging his legitimate duties entrusted to him.

G. VANI MOHAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.TRINADHA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT, ELURU.

1. The Government have constituted Non-Hereditary Trustee to Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Ramachandra Rao Peta, Eluru, West Godavari District vide G.O.Rt.No.1169 of Revenue (Endts.IV) Department Dt. 23.05.2006 with 9 persons and to hold the office for a period of 2 years.

2. The Manager, Sri Venkateswara Swamy Devasthanam, Ramchandraraopeta, Eluru addressed to the Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments, Kakinada seeking permission to conduct Brahmotsavams from 30-12-2007 to 19-01-2008 by nominating a private committee under the supervision and monitoring of the Chairman of the Trust Board as per resolution of trust board on 23-09-2007.

3. The Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department, MZ-1, Kakinada accorded permission as required by the Manager of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Devasthanam, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru on 25-09-2007

4. The support committee have been provided receipt books, voucher books, festival schedule books, pamphlets etc. and made arrangements for collection of donations from the devotees

5. Certain devotees filed petitions with the Endowments Department and also with V&E Department alleging that the donations are not being accounted for in a transparency manner.

6. The members who are in possession of receipt books are not able to reveal the donations collected and expenditure particulars.

7. Sri Kothamasu Venkata Seshadri Rao, President of the Trust Board of Sri Venkateswara Swmay Devasthanam, Ramachandraraopeta, Eluru has opened bank account on his name with an initial deposit of Rs.3,000/- vide SB Account No.329402010102072 in Union Bank of India on 26.12.2007, after commencement of V& E Department enquiry. The President of Trust Board informed that out of the books distributed among the members / devotees, they collected an amount of Rs.80,381/ as on 26-12-2007 and of the said amount, he paid Rs.23,908/- being advance towards the expenditure in connection with Brahmotsavams. Out of the balance, an amount of Rs.16,636/- is with the Treasurer and Rs.39,837/-) remained with him as balance on hand. The credit / debit account is not so far commenced.

8. Sri V.Trinadha Rao, Assistant Commissioner of Endowments Department, Eluru stated that the Manager of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple has collected donations amount of Rs.42,151/ pertaining to Brahmotsavams from 07-01-2008 to 21-1-2008 through the receipt books and said amount was deposited in savings account No. 329402010102109 in the Union Bank of India, RR Pet, Eluru on 07-01 2008 and the said deposited amount of Rs.42,151/- is in SB Account.

9. The President of Trust Board informed the Committee appointed by Trust Board that he got printed 350 receipt books and collected donations to a tune of Rs.6,53,485/- by issuing printed tickets and spent an amount of Rs.6,50,954/- for the Brahmotsavams and balance amount of Rs 2,531/ - was deposited in SB Account of Union Bank of India, Eluru. The Committee has maintained separate account i.e. cash book, vouchers, pass book, ledger etc. for the amounts collected and spent and the cash book vouchers have been handed over to Executive Officer along prith cash balance of Rs.465/ - on 27.01.2008. He further informed that the receipt books do not have affixed the seal of the Temple.

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10. The Trust Board Chairman in his statement mentioned that Rs.80,381/- was collected as on 26-12-2007 and out of that he paid an amount of Rs.23,908/- as advance and the balance of Rs.16,636/ - was with the treasurer and Rs.39,837/- remained with him. These transactions are not covered under vouchers or cash book entries. This is a clear illustration to say that the accounts are not maintained for any expenditure and the transactions are written in bulk at a time instead of maintaining day to day account and the balances were tallied according to the convenience of the authors of the accounts.

11. Thus Sri V.Trinadha Rao , Asst.Commissioner, Endowments Department, Eluru failed to discharge his duties and violated their powers functions provided U/S 3 of A.P.Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Institutions Act 30/1987, which paved way for Committee Brahmotsavams Committee to utilize , spent public money at their own discretion and leading to the loss of faith of the devotees and due to his ineffectiveness and lack of supervision, the Brahmotsavams Committee enjoyed sufficient time to reconcile their accounts and gave a well prepared clean statement of account, otherwise the procedural lapses in the maintenance of accounts and the resultant damage could have been brought to light.

12. The said Sri V. Trinadha Rao, Asst.Commissioner, Endowments Department, Eluru by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) (2) and (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964. Hence, he is therefore rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

G. VANI MOHAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. TRINADHA RAO ASST.COMMISSIONER, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT. ELURU ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Government Memo No.25153/Vig. IV(1)/2014 dated 10.11.2014.

2) Vigilance Report No.91, C.No.1945/V&E(DEV-I)/D3/2007, Dated:22.05.2014 from General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department of Government of A.P.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.TRINADHA RAO ASST. COMMISSIONER. ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT. ELURU ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-- NIL –

G. VANI MOHAN
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